Regulation of casual labour

2973. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Superintending Engineer, Coordination (Elect.), C.P.W.D. New Delhi during the months of December, 1994 and January, 1995 appointed a large number of workers as Khallasis, Lift Operators etc. from the Employment Exchange although there are a large number of casual workers waiting to be regularised in these categories;

(b) if so, the details thereof in each category;

(c) whether it is also a fact that during this period a large number of casual workers in the categories of Khallasis, M. L. Driver, Lift Operator, etc. who were appointed after 18th November, 1985 have also been regularised;

(d) if so, the details thereof in each category; and

(e) the reasons for not extending the benefit of regularisation to all categories of casual workers appointed after 18th November, 1985?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The Superintending Engineer (Coord.) (Elect.), CPWD, Delhi, made the following appointments during December 1994 through Employment Exchange in the categories of Khallasis and Lift Operators:—

Khallasis	—	124
Lift Operators	—	329

The service of the casual workers in these two categories within the jurisdiction of SE (Coord.) (Elect.), CPWD, Delhi recruited before the imposition of ban on engagement of casual worker on 18.11.1985 have been regularised.

(c) and (d) The services of the following daily rated casual workers in the category of M.L. Driver Khallasis recruited after 18.11.1985 have been regularised by the SE (Coord.) (Elect.):—

M. L. Drivers	—	37
Khallasis	—	35

(e) A ban was imposed on engagement of daily rated causal workers in the CPWD w.e.f. 18.11.1985. However, casual workers in certain categories in small numbers were engaged by field units under the Department in the exigencies of work. The regularisation of these workers will also be considered in due course of time subject to their eligibility and availability of regular direct recruitment quota posts.

Site for New Chandigarh city

2974. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that State Government of Punjab have decided to develop a separate township of New Chandigarh adjacent to the existing city, if so, what are the details thereof and whether the proposed plan has approval of Cenral Government;

(b) whether Government are aware that proposed site for New Chandigarh city will grab most of the cultivated agricultural land, if so, the area proposed to be covered under the plan and the number of people likely to be affected;

(c) whether it is a fact that a strong protest is being raised against developing this township; and

(d) what is the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) The Government of Punjab has decided to develop an